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SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXIMBANK FINANCING OF MOBILE AND PORTABLE
RADIOS, REPEATERS AND MICROWAVE SYSTEM FOR NICARAGUA

REF: STATE 118759

1. EMBASSY WAS UNABLE TO REPLY TO REFTEL UNTIL RETURN OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE, BRIGADIER GENERAL SANCHEZ, FROM TRIP ABROAD; HE IS ONLY OFFICIAL WHO IS FULLY COMPETENT TO DISCUSS THIS DEAL. UPON LATTER'S RETURN, DEFATT CONTACTED HIM TO ASCERTAIN USES TO WHICH EQUIPMENT FOR SUBJECT SYSTEM WOULD BE PUT. SANCHEZ SAID THAT THE SYSTEM WILL BECOME THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NET UNITING THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. HE EXPLAINED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE NET WILL BE UNDER MILITARY CONTROL, ALL GON AGENCIES WOULD USE IT AND IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE AS WELL. SANCHEZ ADDED THAT THE NET WOULD BE USED FOR DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS, CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS, AND FOR POLICE AND OTHER EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS.

2. N.B. THE GON AGENCY WHICH HANDLES POST, TELEPHONE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS IS TELCOR, AN AUTOMOUS CIVILIAN BODY. HOWEVER, MILITARY OFFICERS HEAD TELCOR AND MOST OF ITS MAIN COMPONENTS. HENCE, THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, WHICH HAS DIRECT CONTROL OVER CIVIL AVIATION AND NATIONAL RADIO, IS INEVITABLY INVOLVED IN MANY GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES WHICH ARE NORMALLY PERCEIVED AS BEING PRIMARILY CIVILIAN IN NATURE.

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3. GIVEN THE PERVADING INVLUENCE OF THE NICARAGUAN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IN CIVILIAN SPHERES, THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT LIKELY THAT THE PROPOSED NET WILL BE USED FOR BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS. NONETHELESS, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT, SINCE THE LACK OF ADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE CIVILIAN POPULACE IN OUT-

LYING AND REMOTE AREAS, EXIMBANK SHOULD FAVORABLY CONSIDER THIS REQUEST. MOREOVER, EMBASSY HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A WEST GERMAN FIRM, SIEMENS, WHICH HAS ENTRENCHED CONTROL OVER MUCH OF NICARAGUA'S DOMESTIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, AND THE ISRAELIS, INTER ALIA, ARE SEEKING TO SUPPLY EQUIPMENT FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS NET. EXIMBANK FINANCING OF THIS PROJECT WOULD HELP US SUPPLIERS MAKE IMPORTANT INROADS INTO LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS FIELD AND PERHAPS PAVE THE WAY FOR FOLLOW-ON SALES OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT.

4. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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